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This small book urges all peoples for the consumption of the fermented wine from the grapes as a regular beverage, and to abstain from all kinds of distilled liquors and fortified wine. The motto of the book is:

Drink wine, be great!

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Introduction

As its title indicates this book proclaims, citing the clues in the Bible and the proofs from history, that Grapevine was the same "Tree of Knowledge" of good and evil existed in the middle of the Eden Garden, and wine is the only source of knowledge for mankind. It unveils the hitherto unknown story of grapevine, and is the exciting news to the world that everybody should know. Vine is the only agent available on earth capable of enriching the brain of human being, enabling them to conquer the world as has been done. By analyzing the history of the world, it is evident that peoples having strong tradition of wine dominated and ruled others at all times and they remained in the forefront in history. *Actually, the world could have nothing but for wine.*

From the Holy Bible the vow of the Nazarite, the first effect of eating the forbidden fruit, the impression of its appearance, the exclusive law preventing other seeds in a vineyard, the identification of Yeshu with vine and His promise of drinking wine in the kingdom of God with the disciples are referred to.

The diversity in the intellectual standard, manners and appearance of various peoples the world over is related to the extent of heritage of wine each of them is having. *Knowledge* and *beauty* are the twin attributes of grapevine. It supports the whole world being the source of knowledge.

Vine was the "force" behind the rising of all ancient and modern civilizations. The secret of the dominance of the Europeans over the rest of the world is nothing but the heritage of wine. This small book ascribes the credit of the advancement and achievement of mankind to vine, and calls for all, especially the poor, backward and downtrodden

societies, to come under the canopy of the grapevine for their resurrection.

The main source of this work is the Holy Bible itself. The secrets about vine remained undisclosed for many centuries though there were numerous colourful narrations of vine and wine in the Holy Book. Innumerable pious men of Old and New Testament periods have scrutinised the Scriptures to find out the hidden meanings of many things and subjects. But they could not imagine and understand the glory and importance of this plant and wine. *Vine is the most precious "hidden treasure" ever excavated from the wonderful gold mine—Bible.*

The inventions of two noble men from the medical field supplemented to the main source of information from the Bible. It is hoped that this tiny book will help people understand the importance of grapevine more, and those who have not yet a rich tradition of its product will turn to its consumption for the betterment of such societies.

The author offers profound gratitude to the Almighty God for donating this noble and beautiful plant to the world. Although wine was given to the Hebrew congregation and the Gentiles before the time of Yeshu Meshiha, God gave it as a gift to the Church for its exclusive consumption for the last two millennia. By acknowledging the benevolence of the Almighty towards the Church, this work is dedicated to His glory.



Chapter 1

Grapevine is the most glorious of all in the vegetable kingdom. Though it is a small and fragile climbing plant growing on a support, *truly it supports the whole world being the source of knowledge*. The combined qualities of the yields of all other plants and trees on earth will never equal to that of the grapevine for the development of the intellectual faculties of human being. Vine was the sole architect behind the artistic, cultural, literary, scientific and technological advances and achievements made by man. The society, which had received inspiration from its yield, the natural wine, has always been in the forefront itself in making history by inventions, discoveries, enterprises and adventures, and those, who had not enjoyed it, have remained behind the curtain in history.

Wine is the best inspirer of the human mind. There is no doubt that all the achievements made by mankind are the result of the ideal plans originated in the mind. What hands do is the follow-up of the ideas of the mind. Besides, wine gives beauty and white colour of the skin by the continued consumption. The secret of the white, delicate skin of all the Europeans and some of the Asians is nothing but wine. The people who have a strong tradition of the product of grapevine are selected to lead the world in every field of importance, and others will seldom overtake them. If this plant were not existed on the earth, the human inhabitants of it would have been only some groups of barbarians and nomads having no intellectual developments.

The peoples who benefited most from grapevine are the Hebrews in Asia and the Europeans. The other people of Asia generally, and those in the Middle East especially, have also some traditions of it in ancient times. But unfortunately, the Africans have little relation with it. *The intellectual*

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standard, manners and appearance of the various peoples of Europe, Asia and Africa clearly distinguish the extent of heritage of wine each of them is having. It is rather wonderful and amazing that a single plant guides indirectly all notable acts, achievements and advancements of humankind in this world.

The intellect, manners of living and physical appearance of individuals and societies all over the world may not be *identical* in all respects. But there can see strong *similarity* when peoples having generations of heritage of wine are compared regardless of geographical, lingual or cultural variations. When the manners of living of all civilised societies are watched it will be evident that peoples of wine create imitable manners to the world. They as a society do not imitate others except for rare individual instances. In manners of dressing, eating or in social functions peoples of wine make models for others to imitate.

In the Holy Bible there are numerous references about grapevine and its product—wine. No other religious books or, probably, early general books have so much reference about it. Moreover, grapevine and its products have more references in the Bible itself than any other plants or trees and their products. There are some convincing clues in the Bible to believe that grapevine was the tree of knowledge, or the forbidden tree, existed in the middle of the Eden Garden. The most important evidence is seen in the book of Numbers chapter 6, where the laws for the observation of the most important vow, mentioned as the special vow of a Nazarite, are given.

The special vow of a Nazarite, known also as the vow of separation, is unique in many respects. Throughout the observance of this vow, the Nazarite is strictly prohibited from taking wine, vinegar of wine, any juice of grapes, eating grapes or raisins, or anything that is made of the grapevine from the skins even to the stones of raisins (Numbers 6:2-4). Even the mother of a lifetime Nazarite is not allowed to eat anything that comes from the grapevine during the pregnancy (Judges 13:14).

No razor may be used on his head for the entire period of the vow. He should not make unclean even for his father, mother, brother or sister when they die. The Nazarite should lead a life of separation to the Lord-Yah. The first and most important rule commanded by God hints to think that vine was the forbidden tree in the Eden Garden.

The keynotes of the vow are three: 1) Do not take anything related to grapevine. 2) Do not cut hair. 3) Do not touch a dead body. The vine being the forbidden tree, its fruit should not be taken. Secondly, cutting of hair requires razor, an 'artificial instrument' invented by man with the aid of 'temporal knowledge,' which is considered repugnant, and hence it is forbidden. Similarly, God restrains Moshe from making His altar with 'dressed' stones, as using a tool would defile it (Exodus 20:25). In both cases meaning is one and the same. Next, since man was not subjected to death in Eden, and death being an unclean state, the Nazarite should not touch a dead body. If the state of Eden had existed for generations, the early generations of mankind would have been taken to heaven, like Hanuk and Elia, without death.

The only lifetime Nazarite, insisted by God, who had not at all defiled throughout his life, in the history of the human race, was Yohannan the Baptist. That is why the Lord-Yah had remarked about him: "Among those who are born of women there has never risen one greater than Yohannan the Baptist" (Mattai 11:11). He was the last Nazarite in the Bible, and is the only pride and praise of humanity by keeping the sacredness of the Eden Garden.

From the description of the rules and regulations of the vow of Nazarite it can be understood that this vow was definitely a *perfect symbolization of the state of Eden*. Though the Eden was lost, God pleased to keep up its memory through these observances until the sacrifice of Yeshu Meshiha. Since the vine tree was the causative factor for the fall of man from glory, eating of anything related to vine is strictly prohibited during the period of this vow. Eating of any other

items of food, quantity or time is not seen restricted. Although large quantity of wine may cause intoxication, which may be considered obnoxious for a vow, eating of the berries of vine will never lead to such a level. Despite this fact God prevented everything related to vine for the Nazarite. All these are extremely important points to assert that the forbidden tree of Eden was vine itself.

However, the Nazarite is free to take the products of vine when the period of his vow expires. But the status of grapevine was not favourable before God though consumption of its products is permitted for unavoidable reasons. The Son of God changed this condition with the redemption of mankind. By the shedding of the blood of Meshiha, God's wrath on mankind was eliminated, and the vine has also acquired dignity in the presence of God. As a hint of this, wine was chosen to symbolize the blood of Meshiha. *How wonderful and surprising are the mystery and contrast in the rejection of everything related to grapevine for the Nazarite, and the selection of the product of the same tree for the representation of the blood of Meshiha in the Last Supper!* How matching is the colour of the blood of grapes and the colour of the blood containing life of mankind!

The first impression of appearance of the forbidden fruit as 'pleasant to the eyes' (Genesis 3:6) quite agrees with vine, compared with that of other trees such as the fig, olive, pomegranate and date palm etc. mentioned in the Bible. One who looks at the fruits of these trees, without any prejudice, may naturally be charmed by the appearance of the cluster of grapes. Perhaps, so many pictures and images of no other plants or trees would have been drawn or made by painters and sculptors the world over for aesthetic appeal, from the beginning of human civilization to date, verifying the first view of grapevine. Therefore, the description of the appearance of the fruit of knowledge also indicates it was grape. But the word 'tree' is a peculiar usage of the Bible irrespective of plants or large trees.

The next important clue is in the New Testament. In the Gospel of St. Yohannan 15:1 Yeshe Meshiha identifies Himself as True Vine. This identification gives chance to think that there was a natural vine that caused some trouble to man. It is also important to note that Yeshe Meshiha identified Himself with vine only, and with no other plant in the world. There was the olive tree, which was eligible in many respects to vie with vine in greatness and glory. It has a very prominent position in the Bible being the source of the anointment oil and a valuable edible item. Despite all its merits the olive was avoided and vine was chosen to identify Yeshe. *If natural vine brought death through the first Adam, True Vine gave eternal life to the world, being the last Adam.* This example of comparison of Yeshe with vine justifies thinking that the tree of knowledge of Eden was vine.

The immediate effect after eating the fruit of knowledge was a feeling of "nakedness" due to a sudden transition from the innocent, childlike state of the human mind to an intelligent, adult state. The reason for this is that, while eating the fruit, the human body was not liable to death, and hence the wonderful effect for the first eating. Such an effect will never happen again until taking the fruit of life, as the system had already become death-prone. To obtain equal effect in the present condition, continuous consumption for generations is required. It is evident that all primitive races having no culture of wine, barring those who have got chance to imitate the civilized world, feel no shame being naked, almost like animals. If they are given wine for a few generations, all will definitely have sense of nakedness, even without any contact with the civilized communities. This is also an exceptionally valuable point to confirm that the tree of knowledge of the Eden Garden was grapevine. Also, the exact answer to why sexual ills, the foundation of all chronic diseases, are prevalent among the civilized societies, and rare among the uncivilized, can find here. The civilized societies indulge in nakedness polluting the mind and body causing sexual diseases, but the

uncivilized lives in nakedness with innocence of mind and so without venereal diseases.

Of all the plants available on earth vine is the only one, whose product was mentioned to be consumed in the kingdom of God by Yeshu Meshiha, as revealed in the Gospels of Mattai 26:29, Marqus 14:25 and Luqa 22:18. *His Mission started with wine and ended with wine with a promise of wine.* Also, in the parable of Yotham on the top of mount Gerizim he describes grapevine as saying wine cheers the hearts of gods (Judges 9:13). Though the kingdom of God is not a place for eating and drinking like the present earth, eating of the fruits of the trees of life and knowledge might be an exception, and the angels must have taken these fruits. The fruit of life would have given them eternal life and strength without diseases, senescence and death, and hence there was no need for any other kind of food item and the fruit of knowledge enabled them become omniscient. This level of knowledge would have promoted the evil qualities of dominance, pride, self-esteem and ambition in some of the angels instead of submission to God, and which paved the way for their fall from heaven.

With the immense knowledge and power, acquired from the trees of knowledge and life while in heaven, the fallen angels might have created corporeal beings like small or giant creatures, or some of them transformed from the spiritual to the material state as strange creatures in the distant past, and roamed throughout the earth for a long period before the creation of mankind by God. The earth would have some flora also during that period. As God had a plan to create man, He must have destroyed all these, and left the entire earth empty for a long period, and then created man. In response to this act of God, the devil might have planned to retaliate by destroying the new creation of God, and succeeded partially and temporarily. That which has been unearthed by modern man, and claimed to be the remains of different creatures existed millions of years ago, would be that of these creatures

itself. The inflammable oil of the underground would be from the fossils of the flora and fauna of that period. Some anthropologists must have mistaken the remains of some of these prehistoric creatures as that of the ancestors of the present man, and cheated the good conscience of many innocent people by the heretic, unfounded, irrational theory of evolution of man.

Further, as far as the nourishment of the human body is concerned, any kinds of food item, whether they belong to the vegetable or animal kingdom, available in any parts of the world, can be substituted with any other kinds, available in any other parts of the world. But, for the development of the intellectual centres of man, any other items belonging to the vegetable, animal or mineral kingdom cannot be a substitute for the products of grapevine. This also supports to establish that vine was the tree of knowledge of Eden.

According to the Bible, it is not lawful planting two kinds of seed in a vineyard. If so, both will be forfeited to the Sanctuary (Deuteronomy 22:9). This exclusive law for vine, a little different from the general law in Leviticus 19:19, tends to conclude that, grapevine being the heavenly plant on earth, a separation between it and other plants is necessary. Besides it, one of the presents brought out by Melchizedek, who being depicted as the high priest of God Most High and equivalent to the Son of God having no beginning or end of life, who had neither parents nor genealogy on earth, who was so great to be honoured by the prime patriarch Awraham by tithe, was wine, when he received Awraham, prompting to believe that wine is a heavenly drink (Genesis 14:18-20 & Hebrews 7:1-4). Only one tree is mentioned as "Tree of Knowledge" in the Bible, and history witnesses that the intellectually advanced societies of all times have consumed the products of vine abundantly. The clues in the Bible and the proofs from history clearly testify that this tree must be the tree of knowledge of the Eden Garden.

Another exotic plant on the earth, the flax, the fibre of which was used firstly to make raiment by man, can also believe to be a heavenly plant. There are some incidents of the angels wearing linen fabric in the Holy Bible. It is a proven fact that linen can survive several millennia intact since it is resistant to the attack of bacteria. The wonderful properties of linen prompted the Mesrenians to use it in mummification and time has proved that their assumption was correct. It is also the most hygienic and safe clothing material in the world by preserving a cooling effect to the body by absorbing moisture from the atmosphere, and it can even prevent sunstroke. These unusual qualities of linen and the examples of the angels wearing it are vital clues to accept that, like the vine, flax is also a heavenly plant!

Vine has some peculiarities which isolate it from other plants on earth. If all plants have the identical tendency of growing flowers and fruits in the same side above the leaf in the stem, vine is contrary to this law of nature with flowers and fruits at the node just opposite to the leaf in its stem. It is a wonderful phenomenon in the plant kingdom. If all fruits abound in citric acid, grape is an exception to it containing tartaric acid mainly, which inhibits the growth of harmful bacteria, thereby aiding the preservation of wine even for some centuries under healthy storage conditions without any extra preservatives. Compared with other plants on earth, vine requires very small quantities of fertilizers and pesticides. This plant absorbs considerable quantity of carbon dioxide gas in photosynthesis. It is a fact that vineyards all over the world are responsible to contain the amount of this gas to a great extent in the atmosphere.



Chapter 2

It is impossible for mankind to find out as to why God created the two most important trees, namely, the tree of life and the tree of knowledge. Therefore, it is up to God only to give the exact reason for it. However, the trees of life and knowledge contained two "Divine talents" hitherto enjoyed by the angels only. *Both the trees constitute the soul and glory of Creation; one cannot be substituted by the other or with anything else.* God might have thought that there would be some use for these trees in future.

Due to the prohibition of the tree of knowledge there was no shortcoming for man in the Eden Garden. The level of wisdom of man in Eden was above that of animals. With that he could communicate with God, and could have led a life with innocence, pleasure, happiness, satisfaction, love and good health. As the mind was occupied with innocence, he felt no shame being naked. Such mental state is seen in this world also in infancy and in childhood.

To find the exact reason for forbidding the fruit of knowledge is above the intellect and imagination of mankind. In the beginning, perhaps God decided to prohibit this fruit for two reasons. One was to establish His authority over the new creation. He would have thought to test whether man would remain obedient or not. The other reason was that acquisition of high level of knowledge would result in wicked thoughts and deeds owing to the persuasion of Satan and his company, who had already access to all the earth, and even to the Eden Garden. Instead of thinking and doing righteous things, the humankind may easily fall victims to the evil designs of the devil. This has proved correct by the thoughts and deeds of successive generations of mankind after the fall. The main reason for preventing the fruit of knowledge may be this.

However, since knowledge was a good talent enjoyed by angels, God might have pleased to make grow such a tree in Eden. He would not have thought of the type of treachery being committed by the devil against man, as the devil had not been given any authority to exert force on man to do anything. Therefore, His benevolent heart thought nothing negatively in the creation of the tree of knowledge.

If man had not violated the commandments of God, he could have lived in Eden with all the blessings and with supremacy over all the other creations, and got children to multiply his sect as planned by God. The only change with the present earth is that there would be no increase of knowledge, and hence no arts, science, inventions and discoveries like the present man. Just like the level of knowledge of animals and birds remains unaltered from Eden to the present day, man would also have remained as such with all the blessings of heaven. By eating the fruit, man got immense knowledge with which he makes wonderful changes on the earth for his own welfare and enjoyment. At the same time, this undermines the balance of nature in many respects resulting in numerous calamities. Hence it is very clear that acquisition of extreme knowledge is ultimately ruinous to man compared to his state in the Eden without the temporal knowledge.

When man had eaten the forbidden fruit, God knew of it instantly. It was a shock and sorrow to heaven. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit considered as to what should be done with mankind. According to the inherent nature of God, Divine Law is the ultimate of all things in the universe. As He had commanded man in the beginning that you will die when you eat the forbidden fruit, God could not reverse it under any circumstance except implementing it. So, the intervention of a mediator with an alternative action was the only possible way remaining, and hence the Son intervened for the cause of man by offering His blood as a ransom for the iniquity of man. Thus, God's wrath was mitigated, and He became compassionate mainly because

man was far below the angels in might and wisdom. Soon God understood of the danger involved in case man would eat the fruit of life also. To prevent such a possibility, and to punish man for his transgression, He expelled him from the blissful Eden. *Had man eaten the fruit of the tree of life also, before or after eating the fruit of the tree of knowledge, his fate would have been similar to the fallen angels.* Fortunately, that has not happened. Now there is chance for the redemption of the soul due to the blood of Meshiha.

The idea of compelling man to eat the fruit of life also had not been come to the mind of the devil. Subsequently he might have planned such a plot also if man had remained in Eden itself. If so, the calamity would have been beyond compensation. Before any such things taking place, God expelled man and guarded the tree of life with mighty angels. The main reason for expelling man from Eden was to prevent his eating the fruit of life. Instead of destroying this noble and glorious tree instantly, God expelled the transgressor.

Though the tree of life is not available in the present earth, its reappearance is promised in the new earth. Thus, the tree of life disappeared from the book of Genesis (Genesis 3:22-24) comes up again in the last chapter of the book of Revelation, wherein it is described that on either side of the pure river of water of life there would be the tree of life which bear twelve kinds of fruits yielding every month, and the leaves of the tree are useful for the healing of the peoples (Revelation 22:2, 14, 19). *The major difference between mankind and angels yet remains with this tree only.* If vine has full role in the present earth, the tree of life will share equal part with it to bring out perfection in the new earth.

Since the tree of life has no substitute, like grapevine, human race will never find an impeccable healing system or remedy, as long as sun and moon exist. As all living beings are subject to disease and death, and the tree of life being unattainable to all, God imbued some healing properties with all material things, at varied levels, as a provisional remedial measure. But all

these and the search for a perfect way of healing, initiated by man in thousands of years, have so far proved futile, and will be so in the future also. If all these are incompetent compared to the healing properties of the tree of life, then how awful is the glory of it! But the case with vine is a little different. Since it has already been given, no other agent having even traces of same quality is provided. The twin attributes of the tree of life are *strength* and *health*, and that of vine are *knowledge* and *beauty*. A combination of the two trees will bring out in Perfection. Only the angels of heaven have experienced such a state. How awesome the wisdom and how marvellous the deeds of the Almighty, the great Creator of all!

The heaven would have at least three types of food item, that is, the fruits of life and knowledge and the Manna. It may be a surprise to think as to what happens to the food eaten by the angels. The digestive process of the spiritual body may not be the same as that of the perishable material body. Man cannot predict what happened to the food taken by the angels received by Awraham, and it eaten by Yesu after the resurrection. Further, when a guest eating bread with the Lord-Yah commented that blessed is he who will eat bread in the kingdom of God (Luqa 14:15), He would have corrected him instantly, as in the example of marriage after resurrection (Mattai 22:30), if it were a mistake. So, it can be firmly believed that there is eating and drinking in heaven though there is no married life. It does not conflict with the Scripture in Romans 14:17, where there is no denial of *having* food and drink in heaven. One can conclude that just like the material bodies, there exist spiritual bodies also, and they can also take food as allowed by God.



Chapter 3

Since God had allowed man a life on earth after the expulsion from Eden, He planned for the means for man's future life through successive generations. Unlike in Eden, His presence and stay with mankind would be rare. Thus, there arose the need for something that could make man intelligent and wise to understand God, and His ways and instructions. To distinguish between evil and good, and to live as civilized societies, man should acquire wisdom. The only agent available for the purpose was the very tree, which caused the fall of man.

The degree of knowledge obtained by eating the fruit of knowledge once in Eden was not sufficient to meet the challenges of the generations to come, though the effect of the first eating was greatest in intensity like the resting of a part of the spirit of Moshe upon the seventy elders in the wilderness (Numbers 11:25). As death had already taken place on humanity there is no more benefit by the continued prohibition of it. Instead, if its products were continuously consumed, the human race would become more and more civilized, intelligent and wise. If not, there would be only groups of barbarian and nomadic peoples having uncultured conducts and behaviours. Such people cannot be brought to maturity easily. People with intelligence and wisdom only are benefited by advice and instruction. God preferred wisdom and knowledge to foolishness and ignorance. It is very important to note that all the Prophets, Seers and Apostles chosen by God were outstandingly intelligent and wise for leading the people, whereas no importance was given for their family tradition, heredity, wealth or social status. Therefore, God planned to give the tree of knowledge to man, and by the example of Nukh after the Deluge,

production and consumption of the most noble of all from nature, the wine, started.

There is justification to believe that grapevine was not provided immediately after the fall of man. It was given after the Flood only. Until then God reviewed the acts and thoughts of man, and found that only wickedness and evil were coming out of man. He even repented for making man and grieved at His heart, and decided to destroy the humankind as a whole, except the righteous Nukh and his family, through a flood and did so. After the flood He willed to give vine to mankind so that the future generations would not be similar to the pre-flood generations. Thus, grapevine was provided to man and, as per records, it was the first cultivated item after the flood.

In accordance with the heritage of wine the whole people of the world can be divided into three major groups, viz. Hebrews and Europeans, who are intellectually most advanced, the other people of Asia below them having tradition of wine in ancient times only, and Africans and the primitive races of all the other continents, who had no culture of wine. It is very difficult to prove the origin of the last group. By closely studying the Bible, it appears that they were the scattered people of Babel. The diverse tongues of various races and tribes throughout the world support this. In His wrath God had not only confounded the language of mankind, but also scattered them into the four corners of the earth. All the people driven out from Babel did not bring vine also with them, as they were quite unaware of its importance, and hence remained as uncivilized groups. At the same time the inhabitants of Middle East enjoyed the products of vine, and grown as civilized societies. A series of secondary divisions occurred among these people, as the after-effect of the first great Division, sometime between the partial and full development of a language; hence there are many '*similar*' words in the languages of various civilized peoples in many parts of the world. The uncivilized peoples of today are none but the

'scattered brethren' of Babel. *Only wine can make peoples all over the world alike again.*

No excellent, cheerful, beautiful people have ever been discovered from among those who are living in jungles or wildernesses. But all wild animals are seen perfectly adapted to such environments. This also teaches an ideal lesson, that human beings are not intended to live as uncivilized societies, but only as civilized. To achieve this end, all should come under the canopy of vine.

Although vine gives knowledge, it will not raise the standard of morality, for which the precepts and statutes of God are inevitable. Increase of knowledge will help understand the ways of God. Therefore, the wisdom of God and the knowledge of grapevine must accompany side by side for the enlightenment of human society. Hence both are given to mankind for their goodness. The people who receive and accept both of them abundantly will remain in the forefront, and they will usually lead the world.

If God had given wine to all peoples after Babel, the entire earth would have filled with beautiful, prosperous, intelligent and look-alike peoples. Again, if He willed, almost all peoples on earth would have come within the fold of the Gospel with the help of wine. But He did not do so. It is essential to scrutinize the reason for it.

Divine law ensures freedom of choice to man. With the knowledge of vine, he can do good or evil. Experience shows he is more prone to evil. The only thing impossible with God is to break the law He has made. If anything bad ensue by the transgression of others, God will seek alternate ways to implement justice instead of breaking His own law, or taking back anything once given. When God found that wine consumption made man rebellious, He caused a division amidst the people at Babel instead of withdrawing wine from the world. If wine is withheld, human civilization itself will not exist, and if all take wine without limit, only a defiant and stiff-necked generation will arise in

the future. The best choice left is a great division among men, and God did so. *Nothing is beyond this law of division—even the Church.* Therefore, it can be presumed that the prime factor for the division at Babel was vine and wine, and not building of the tower, which was only an apparent, instant cause (Genesis 11:1-9).

The very purpose of redemption of mankind was to make them eligible for heaven rather than embracing them into the Law or Gospel. Majority of the civilized people have proved unfit for it. If matters are going on such a pace there would be only a few for the kingdom of God. Hence God limited the access to wine to a minority. Even these people on the vast Mediterranean plain would have grown as an unchallenged and unbeatable power if left undisturbed. But the Babel-effect (the after-effect of Babel) caused repeated divisions and dispersals among them. This is still in force in the world on every plane. The diversity amid men in language, intelligence, appearance, character, custom, fate, faith, wealth, health and so on is so extreme than unity. This diversity is inevitable to keep a balance, or the 'unified intelligence' of humanity may invite the terrible wrath of God. But how wonderful is the unity predominant in the world of the 'intellectually backward' birds and animals!

Now there are many organisations in the world to connect the diverse peoples of all nations in a single stage. The problem of a common language understandable to almost all may also be considered as resolved to a great extent by the emergence of some leading international languages. In spite of these the enmity, divisions and distances among peoples of different nations, religions and races still remain unresolved in the civilised world due to the consequence of Babel-effect. The world can neither hope nor dream that a time may come or someone will rise in future to wipe out the Babel-effect from the world. Disease and Babel-effect are *two great evils* facing the humanity from ancient time to the end of time without any remedy.

The attitude of men does not change whatever be the path of life. For example, wine taking in the Christendom produced many atheists and evolutionists also along with genuine believers. The parable of Yeshu about the wedding banquet (Mattai 22:1-14, Luqa 14:15-24), however, points out that God knew of it all, and what He will do in the last. All the invited noble and worthy men refused to come for the banquet and only the poor and simple attended in it. If the latter were not existed, there would have been none for the prepared feast. To avoid such a difficult situation, God took necessary steps from Babel onwards. From this it can be calculated that the uncivilized people would be the ultimate winners of the great stage, this world. Even if all peoples of the world were brought under the fold of the Law or Gospel, a few would be proved eligible for the kingdom of God practically. Probably this is the reason for not giving vine and wine to all peoples after the dispersal of Babel. *History will justify God in forbidding the Tree of Knowledge.*



Chapter 4

The full benefits of grapevine are obtained from its product, the natural wine. Eating of the berries will not equal to the intake of the "fermented" wine. Natural wine prepared through the process of fermentation, without adding any other agents to modify its flavour and/or appearance, is the best type. But the product of distillation will not serve the purpose. It is rather injurious to health and so highly objectionable too.

Campaigners against alcoholism and the lawmakers of many nations or the drunkards themselves do not know what is wrong with alcohol. Before condemning alcohol, one must understand the processes by which it is generated. It is evolved by two different processes; one is the natural and benevolent process called *fermentation* and the other is the artificial and injurious one of *distillation*. The alcohol being generated in wine by fermentation is not harmful, and it will reach only up to sixteen percentage of the liquid. But the percentage of alcohol in distilled liquors can be abnormally high. Even a small fraction of distilled spirit is injurious to health and so it must be abstained. Alcohol by fermentation in wine is not at all dangerous, and it produced by distillation only needs prohibition, however small the quantity of it is. Just like light has no company with darkness, wine has no company with liquor. But fortified wine deserves to be condemned and discouraged.

Fermentation is a process, natural and Divine, upon which depends all the progress of the world. It is the first and only art God had taught man. If God had not taught Nukh how to make wine, he would not have made it, and, consequently, humanity would not have a bright future. But

distillation is scientific and human, and is one of the main reasons for the degeneration of many societies.

It will take generations and centuries to achieve the full benevolent qualities of wine. Similarly, the intellectual enlightenment and physical features, acquired by the continued consumption of wine, will stay permanent without further progress, even if the future generations discontinue the tradition of wine. Habitual intake of wine will help prevail against the sway of intoxicants, and thereby guard societies and nations from the calamity of inebriation and drug addiction. All addicted to alcohol and drugs are slaves to them. Many people sincerely desire and try, in vain, to overcome the pull of the intoxicants. But the characteristic of vine knows only the language of dominance against subservience in every field. Hence those relying on wine will naturally withstand the influence of intoxicants.

In ancient times, the inhabitants of Middle East maintained the human civilization from perishing by the pursuit of the exemplary tradition of wine making and consumption established by Nukh. The ancient civilizations of Mesren, Babel, Asshur and Persia are some of the evidences of the tradition of wine. It is difficult to believe that such wonderful civilizations were once existed in the Middle East while Europe was in hibernation. Surely there would have been no such civilizations in Asia, had the people of Asia not inherited the product—wine. From Asia the nearby end of Europe got the culture of wine, and, as a result, the Greek and Roman civilizations flourished. The Europeans maintained the tradition of wine, once they got, through the ages, and continue the same ever since. This is the main reason for the dominance of the Europeans over the rest of the world. They have shown to the world up to which level humankind can ascend with knowledge. In all the fields of importance the rest of the world has to look into Europe for a leadership. Asia and Africa wonder at the gallop of Europe. They don't know that it is due to wine. They must

understand that their progress is possible only through the culture of wine.

The tradition of wine in Asia did not last for a long. Though the Christian Church continued the tradition of the Hebrews, by the example set up by Yeshu Meshiha through bread and wine, decline of the Church and Judaism in the Middle East, following the invasions of the Mohammedans, uprooted the culture of wine. With Mohammedanism usage of wine in Asia almost ceased to exist, and thereby further intellectual developments also stopped progress. If the Mohammedans had also carried on the culture of wine, the history of Middle East would have been different with ideal thoughts, and cultural and scientific advances. But that has not happened in Asia. *When Mohammedanism wronged in wine all the dreams and hopes of a continent were collapsed.* At the same time Europe was most fortunate with wine, and they quickly emerged as pioneers in inventions, discoveries and enterprises treading on all the rest of the world. Today Europe invents and Asia imitates; imitators seldom surpass inventors. If Christianity and Judaism had flourished in the Middle East, there would have been a fair contribution to science and technology through the heritage of wine, during and after the Renaissance era, when the Europeans surprised the world with their intellectual talents. Now Asia is centuries behind Europe.

By adopting the culture of wine, being the true bride of the Lamb, the Christian Church has proved that she is the legitimate descendant of the promised offspring like the Hebrews. But for the Mohammedans, despite being claimed by them to be the genuine descendants of the patriarch Awraham, the question, as to why they have not the heritage of wine like other Semitic tribes, remains unanswered.

Had the ancient civilizations of Asia got chance for unimpeded long existence like the Europeans, the world could have witnessed the intellectual explosion of the twentieth century at least a millennium

ago. But God did not like to vest the leadership of the world for a long time with any people, who had not the heritage of the True Vine. The Judgment on them was: "*Hew down the tree, and cut off its branches, shake off its leaves, and scatter its fruit; let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls of the air from its branches*" (Daniel 4:14). Therefore, these civilizations were shone and disappeared like meteors. It is a reality that vine raised many civilizations in the world, and God rooted out them in due time accordingly.

Since Africa had no heritage of wine from ancient times, they remain as the most backward societies in the world. In order to eradicate the many centuries old penury and backwardness of the Africans, let them be given wine as an item of aid instead of other edible items. Then they will know what should be done for their resurrection, and will do it by themselves.

There are some warnings against the overuse of wine in the Bible. They were actually aimed at a people, who were indulging in it, reaching such a level, that they would bleach their garments with wine, and their robes with the juices of the grapes, and having their eyes radiant with wine. These warnings in the Scripture were misunderstood by many of the Christians, especially in Asia, and developed some abhorrence towards wine. This notion is neither correct nor good. Consumption of moderate quantity of wine regularly will never affect badly; instead, it will have positive results only. It is a worrisome fact that consumption of distilled spirit is still prevalent in the Christendom including Europe, and equally worrying is the factor that some of the clergy and laity are still foolishly regarding wine as a thing to be denounced. The time for reversing these negative thoughts is overdue now. Therefore, *drink wine, the only heavenly drink on earth, be great!*



Chapter 5

The most reliable authorities in the medical art of cure have confirmed the fact that wine is the force behind the high degree of eminence and intelligence of man. The first important person to be mentioned is Dr Constantine Hering, the father of American Homœopathy. He was a man endowed with wide ranging knowledge of all subjects related to healthcare acquired by his personal experience and intensive study of man and nature. In his classic work, "The Homœopathic Domestic Physician", he narrates the importance of wine while dealing with the subject of 'drunkenness'. His arguments are sufficient for all persons with a rational mind to incline to wine as the unavoidable beverage in daily life. The full text of the description is reproduced below, as it is a glorious tribute to wine as well to the great author of that book.

Habitual drunkenness is a ruin to individuals, a calamity to families, and a serious loss to a nation. It is therefore no wonder, that benevolent minds have proposed remedies to prevent such great evils; neither is it astonishing that many who are as ignorant of history, as of the laws of life of man and nations, should run mad with a most fanatic opposition to alcohol, bundling up with it all kinds of malt liquors, and even the most noble of all the productions of nature—wine.

Ministers, as ignorant of the original language of the Gospel, as of the most common laws of chemistry, tell their flock, that the wine, mentioned in the New Testament, is grape-juice, not fermented and not "intoxicating".

The Greek word used in the New Testament for wine is *oinoz*, which means *fermented grape-juice*; the word *unfermented grape-juice* is *glencoz*, and the word for *drunkenness* is *oinwsiz*, signifying that drunkenness comes from *fermented wine*.

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The history of human race proves most clearly, *and without a single exception*, that there never was in any nation a popular development of science, literature and the fine arts, until after the introduction and culture of grapevine, or as in England and Sweden, after a facilitated importation of wine.

The latest chemical analyses have also proved that wine contains combinations of phosphorus, which is a most important nourishment of the brain upon which depends its highest development.

For the individual, wine may not be a condition, without which no great works of the mind can be produced, but it is so with nations. No great minds can arise in a nation, in which there are not a large number of men of great brains.

Hence the religion of the Jews acknowledges the grapevine as a gift of God after the flood, to prevent another sinking of the human race.

Hence in the religion of the Christians, the wine is holy as an indispensable link between the Lord and mankind.

Mohammedanism forbids the use of wine, of course without any good effect whatever, for its absence encourages the use of opium, hemp-juice and other dangerous substitutes.

The absence of wine promotes the dangerous use of alcohol and drunkenness.

All intelligent travellers agree in allowing that drunkenness is by no means common, nay, that it is a rare thing in wine-producing countries. Thus the true remedy against a popular inclination to drunkenness would be, with every wise lawgiver, to favour the consumption of wine by facilitating the home-production and the importation of wine.

The discoveries of the most prominent and eminent person, Dr Edward Bach of England, the inventor of the most perfect and advanced system of healing possible to human race, with extracts of

wild flowers, reveal that the quality of the extract of vine flower agrees to the type of personalities being developed by the continuous consumption of wine. He has made his discovery by the supernatural powers of insight, intuition and sensitivity inherited as a gift of the Supreme Being. He had some strange and exclusive qualities of the mind to determine the hidden characteristics of a plant by tasting its flower. In the last years of his life, he could understand the qualities of some plants by intuition and imagination without faults. The qualities of vine were revealed by him in this way. Above his flowers, there will be nothing but the tree of life. The vine was one among the thirty-seven noble flower and a mineral remedy discovered and proved by him. The exact properties of vine have been furnished in his immortal work, "The Twelve Healers and Other Remedies".

Dominance, ambition, determination, self-esteem, strength of mind, leadership and so on is the features of it. These qualities of the natural flower were termed "Negative" by Bach. Dominance is the ultimate instinct of vine. Today what is alleged as imperialism, imposed by the people of wine over the rest of the world, is only due to this characteristic of vine. All other theories on the cause of imperialism are wrong. But when the extract of the vine flower is prepared by the exotic method devised by him, it will help acquire the "Positive" qualities or virtues like humility, wisdom, guidance, respect and recognition of others in those who already have negative qualities. Unfortunately, the negative qualities of the vine flower are being originated mainly in persons having strong tradition of wine rather than the positive and benevolent qualities.

If the reasons for the fall of the ancient civilizations such as of Mesren, Babel, Asshur, Persia, Greece and Rome are closely studied, it can be understood that they all possessed the negative qualities of grapevine only by the consumption of natural wine, and hence their thoughts and acts reflected pride, self-esteem and ambition etc. The very reason for

the fall of a section of angels from the presence of God was also owing to similar thoughts. The effects by the intake of the products of vine are not different whether they were angels or men. The negative habits obtained from vine would have prompted the fallen angels to rebel against God causing their expulsion from heaven. God will never allow peoples of such temperament possess and rule the world forever. It is worthwhile to review as to why the Europeans make their stride without hindrance from the Renaissance era onwards. Their achievements in modern times are amazingly great compared to that of all the ancient civilizations taken together. The only difference between both of them is that the Europeans have the heritage of the True Vine also. That is the secret of their survival and advancement; otherwise, their fall is also inevitable.

In Genesis 6:6 the Lord-Yah God admits that He is sorry for making man implying that it was a mistake from His part. Actually, there was a first mistake in assigning the attributes of vine by God. But once it was given, it became a law, and so God cannot reverse it according to His nature. This might be the basic reason for the fall of a section of angels and for the creation of man on earth with the command against eating the fruit of knowledge. The most important thing in the universe is Divine law. The backbone of every law is punishment. If there is no punishment, law becomes null and void, and the result is anarchy. So, God had no other choice but to punish the transgressors whether they were angels or men. Had the qualities given to vine in the beginning were different, the history of heaven and earth would also have been different. There would have been no rebellion in heaven and therefore no creation of man in this earth also. But once such qualities are assigned, God cannot and will not change it. Instead, He will find alternatives for the evil consequences thereof.

Finally, it is appropriate to note that people who had a strong tradition of wine only accepted the Gospel of Yeshu Meshiha massively. In the

days of the Apostles and early disciples the Church spread rapidly in the Middle East. But the Church in some parts of the world, where there was no culture of wine, did not spread widely in spite of the fact that in such places also identically competent men preached the Gospel with equal spirit. The Church in the Middle East would have survived but for the invasions of the Mohammedans. The Church in the West had no such problems, and it flourished quickly. The reason is that wine will refine and strengthen people to give ear to new ideas and teachings, to analyse them, and to accept if found favourable, or to reject if not agreeable. That is why the people of Middle East and Europe readily accepted the Gospel. On the contrary, it is very difficult for people, who have not the heritage of wine, to concede to foreign ideas and teachings, as their minds are chained with ancestral or local traditions and customs. This may be the main reason for the slowness in spreading the Church in other parts of the world even today, in spite of the hard works of the missionaries.

The above descriptions, narrations and evidences are sufficient to establish the glory of grapevine. They point that it was the tree of knowledge in the Eden Garden. The destiny, achievements and advancements of mankind in this world are planned and guided by it, subject to the will of God, and no other agent has any share in it. If it was not given to man, he would have only two aims or ideas in life—one is to earn his bread and the other is to protect himself from enemies and from natural calamities—little different from animals! All his dreams and gallops would have been limited to these. Also, his belongings would be only a few tools like bow and arrow. Barring the above, *the credit of everything else the world has, as a result of human activities, belongs to grapevine alone.*

Beyond doubt, in early times, the ancestors of all the Europeans and Asians were also looked like the primitive races or Africans of today, owing to loss of 'glory' by the Fall of Adam. Wine helped them to

recover the lost glory. By following the culture of wine like the former, the latter can also become like them.

In the beginning of the world, God chose certain individuals to retain the relationship with mankind. As time progressed, and human race became more civilized with wine, He selected a people for Himself and gave the Law. In the ripeness of time, the Promised Meshiha* (see Appendix) rose, and gave the Gospel to the whole world. Meanwhile, God experimented by giving wine to some of the nations of the Gentiles, and saw the effect of it. But it is extremely astonishing to see that, during the Christian Era, for the last two thousand years, wine was almost the common property of the Christian Church alone. At last, now, God would have willed to make it known to the whole world with a 'definite purpose' before the closing ceremony of the present world takes place.

It was vine that ruled the world yesterday, vine is ruling the world today, and it will rule the world tomorrow also for the sole reason that knowledge is the privilege of vine alone. Grapevine was the only root cause for all the tribulations, sorrows, pains, diseases, disasters and death experienced by mankind from the very beginning of the world to this day, as well as all the progresses, achievements, advancements, developments and the pleasures thereof made by man. It took many thousand years to get the real glory and greatness of it revealed to mankind. There is not yet any subject like it in the history of this universe, and there is not yet any news like it in the history of this world! *Vine is the most precious "hidden treasure" ever excavated from the wonderful gold mine—Bible.*

Two thousand years back, in Urishlem, in the Upper Room of Tsihyon, the beverage Meshiha handed over to the poor Apostles and thereby to the Christian Church, who remained with fear, sorrow and pain, was the greatest material wealth also on earth. The Church has grown powerful and wealthy only with the nourishment of this

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beverage. It is a paradox that the very tree, which caused spiritual as well as material death and expulsion of man from the presence of God in Eden, has become very essential for the survival of human civilization, and to help man know and worship God and understand His ways.



Epilogue

The story of grapevine also confirms and proclaims the uniqueness, genuineness and truthfulness of the Holy Bible, which reveals the True God. If the Bible is true, then nothing else is true because truth must be one only, but lies may be many.

Appendix

The Promised Meshiha

Yeshu Meshiha did not belong to the Jewish race since His mother Maryam was not a Jewess by birth. This is contrary to the belief of the whole Christian world for the last two millennia. There is a strong proof in the Holy Book to uphold it. It has two reliable witnesses also in the Bible supporting this extremely valuable proof. The proof is given in the sentence of the Gospel of Mattai Shleeha 1:16 (ܡܪܝܡ = her Gaw-ra) and the first witness supporting it is verse 1:17 of the same book and the second witness is in the Gospel of Luqa, verse 3:23.

Before analysing this wonderful and hitherto hidden fact it is to be understood that there are two types of Bible in the Christian world. The first and the true, reliable one is called the Peshitta* written in Aramaic language. The other is a corrupted translation from the Peshitta produced in the Greek language in the early days of Christianity by ignorance, negligence and with vested interest to promote the Greek language and culture. The corrupted version is widely known and circulated in the world, and it has many translations into various languages of the world.

It is not an easy task to translate word by word correctly from the Semitic language of Aramaic to the European language of Greek. When an exact word is lacking in Greek to convey the meaning of a word or idiom in Aramaic, necessary explanation or note is to be inserted to convince the meaning. But out of ignorance or negligence this has not been done in the Greek translation from the Peshitta. This has caused many contradictions

*Peshitta means straight, simple, sincere and true.

in the meaning of some of the portions of the Scriptures, and which necessitated repeated corrections in Greek texts. The first Greek translator(s) of the Peshitta made Meshiha as Christ (Χριστός), Aleph and Tau as Alpha and Omega, and Aramean as Greek, to cite some examples. They have made this corruption with vested interest to promote the Greek language and culture.

The true and correct Name of the Son of God is "Yeshu Meshiha (ܝܫܘܡܫܝܗܐ)". It need not and must not be changed into any other form whatever be the language into which the Scripture is translated. It is presumed that the Greeks coined the word *Christós* in their language instead of the Aramaic word *Meshiha* in the New Testament. Many copies of this Greek text were created for the use of the newly converted Greeks. They have thereby succeeded in establishing that the New Testament was originally written in the Greek language. Wide popularity was obtained for the Greek versions of the Bible and translations were made from the corrupted version into almost all languages of the world through centuries.

But two peoples of Semitic origin in the Middle East maintained the Peshitta, the true Bible, by the grace of God. They are the Assyrians who use the Aramaic Peshitta and the Arameans who keep it as Peshitto in Syriac language. Some translations have been made from the Peshitta and Peshitto into a few foreign languages. But these translations are also not fully free from errors. So, it is a fact that an impeccable version of the True Bible has not yet been made in any other language in the world so far.

There are some factors which remain as a barrier to have a perfect translation of the Peshitta into other languages. Since the corrupted Greek versions of the Bible have got primacy and popularity from the early centuries, a critical study of the Peshitta was not done early, and hence the correct meaning of some words and idioms in the Aramaic language used in the Peshitta cannot be determined today as to which sense they were used. For example, same word is used in Aramaic for a leper and potter (ܥܡܪܐ), and for eunuch and

believer (ܐܡܢܐ). Therefore, it cannot be determined whether the Shimun in Mattai 26:6 was actually a potter (garibó) or leper (garobó), and the Ethiopian in Praksis (Acts) 8:27 was a believer or eunuch. Further, the "original" leather scrolls of the Peshitta are not available and only the 'copies' prepared meticulously by expert scribes are left with now.

Coming to the main subject, there is a wonderful, mysterious word in Mattai 1:16 in the Peshitta, which is "ܐܘܪܐ" (Gaw-ra) and this word is the backbone to establish that Yeshu Meshiha was not originated from the Jewish race, and at the same time it fulfils the forty-two generations in counting of names from Awraham to Yeshu Meshiha in His genealogy. This word has been mistranslated as "husband" in the corrupted Greek Bible by the early translator(s) of the Peshitta. All the Church fathers and theologians accepted this mistake and concluded that the genealogy of Yosep, the husband of Maryam, is provided in the Gospel of Mattai. Consequently, they made some theory to establish that the genealogy given in the Gospel of Luqa, chapter 3 was that of Maryam.

But the correct genealogy is that Yosep the husband of Maryam is the son of Heli as listed in Luqa chapter 3:23. There is no reliable evidence in the Bible to argue that it is not Yosep's genealogy. Therefore, Maryam's genealogy is provided in Mattai chapter 1 as two branches of genealogy were originated from the two sons of Daweed.

The meaning of the Aramaic word "Gaw-ra" is explained by experts in Aramaic language as "a protective male in a family/male head of the household". So, it can mean a father, husband, kinsman or a guardian (in the case of a child who has no parents) based on the context in which this word is used. Since the genealogy of Yosep was given in Luqa's Gospel, the question whether Gaw-ra was meant to "husband" becomes out of consideration in this place.

The next meaning to be taken into account is that of "father". If it really means father, the narration of the genealogy in Mattai 1:16 would have been like "Yacob begot Yosep; Yosep begot Maryam, of whom was born Yeshu, who is called Meshiha" instead of "Yacob begot Yosep the Gaw-ra of Maryam, of whom was born Yeshu, who is called Meshiha". Hence the meaning of Gaw-ra cannot point to "father" in this place.

The third option is whether it means a "kinsman". If Maryam had a kinsman (a blood relative) there must have a father to her and whose name must have been provided in the genealogy instead of the kinsman even if the father had been expired early and the kinsman functioned as a caretaker to her. Therefore, the meaning of Gaw-ra as kinsman cannot be considered here.

Finally, the most appropriate and correct meaning of Gaw-ra in this context is "guardian", which means that Maryam was not born from human parents! There is a one and only reason for it and that is a Divine law which insists that "no holy one will be born from the unholy one".

The most important thing in the universe is nothing but the Divine law. God cannot and will not transgress it under any circumstance. When He has commanded death penalty for eating the forbidden fruit, all generations of mankind were affected by the "original sin" without any exception. So, it was not possible for Maryam the mother of Yeshu to be born without original sin from human parents. The only possible way was that God must have created a baby girl and entrusted to bring up her to Yosep, son of Yacob, by necessary instructions through dreams as in the case of Yosep son of Heli, the husband of Maryam. Yosep would have adopted her as his child and thereby Maryam became a Jewess by the *law of adoption*, and, consequently, Yeshu Meshiha also belonged to the Jewish race. The sisters of Maryam mentioned in the Bible were none but the daughters of this Yosep, son of Yacob. All his relatives became that of Maryam also.

In this regard a special attention is to be given for the arguments of Yeshu with the Pharisees regarding the identity of the promised Meshiha, mentioned in Mattai 22:42-45, Marqus 12:35-37 & Luqa 20:41-44. In these verses He questions them how can the Meshiha be the son of Daweed when Daweed himself calls Him his Lord-Yah. So, this portion of the Scripture also hints that the lineage of Yeshu Meshiha from Daweed was not by the way of the flesh but through the law of adoption! Since the Meshiha has been attached to the lineage of Daweed by "adoption", there is no irregularity in calling Him Lord-Yah by Daweed; otherwise, it may not be lawful.

According to verse 1:17 of Mattai there must be forty-two generations from Awraham to Yeshu Meshiha. But by perusing the corrupted Greek Bibles, one generation is found missing. When the meaning of Gaw-ra is accepted as "guardian" this mistake will be solved by adding the name of Maryam as the forty-first generation. There is no other way to solve the issue of missing of one generation. Though the names of men only were considered for counting generations in the tradition of the Holy Book, Maryam's case was an exception since there was no name of a man to be taken into account for the forty-first generation in the genealogy of Yeshu Meshiha. It is wonderful to see that in the history of the Bible a woman's name is used for counting a generation first and last and that was the name of Maryam the mother of Yeshu Meshiha, who was not affected by "original sin".

It is worthwhile to note that Yeshu Meshiha entrusted the caretaking of Maryam to Yohannan His disciple by saying to Maryam "behold your *son* and to Yohannan, behold your *mother*" though Maryam has not given birth to that disciple. Even if Yeshu Meshiha entrusted the caretaking of Maryam without specifying the words "son" and "mother", that disciple would have received and protected her till her heavenly departure without any shortcomings. Therefore, this example

shows there can be *offspring* and *parents* by the *law of adoption* without childbirth!

Before being born as a child in Bethlehem, Yeshu Meshiha appeared in human form in this world about two thousand years before. Then His name was Melchizedek. Melchizedek was nobody but Yeshu Meshiha. In one of His arguments with the Jews He reminded of it by saying "before Awraham was born, I was". But the Jews were provoked by it and took stones to stone Him. Though the Church fathers ascribed only a spiritual meaning to this statement, it is rational to assume that Melchizedek was Yeshu Meshiha Himself depending on the description of Melchizedek in Hebrews 7:1-3. Therefore, it can be concluded that the birth of Yeshu Meshiha as an infant in Bethlehem was His 'second' coming into this world and the expected advent is the 'third' to be happened in future.



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This book revealing the wonderful benefits of vine and wine may regard as a gift to the world from the Eastern Church, which has no intellectual or material assets to donate to others like the children of the Western Church have given to the world.

